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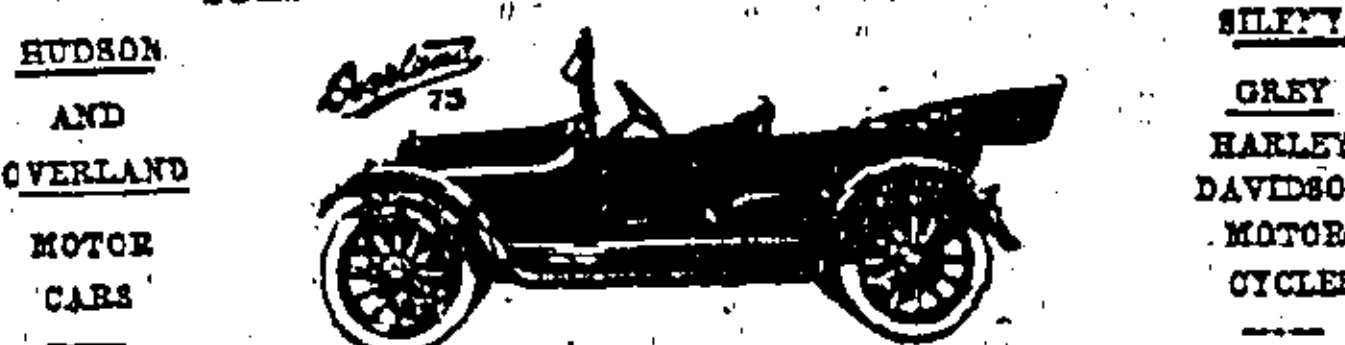
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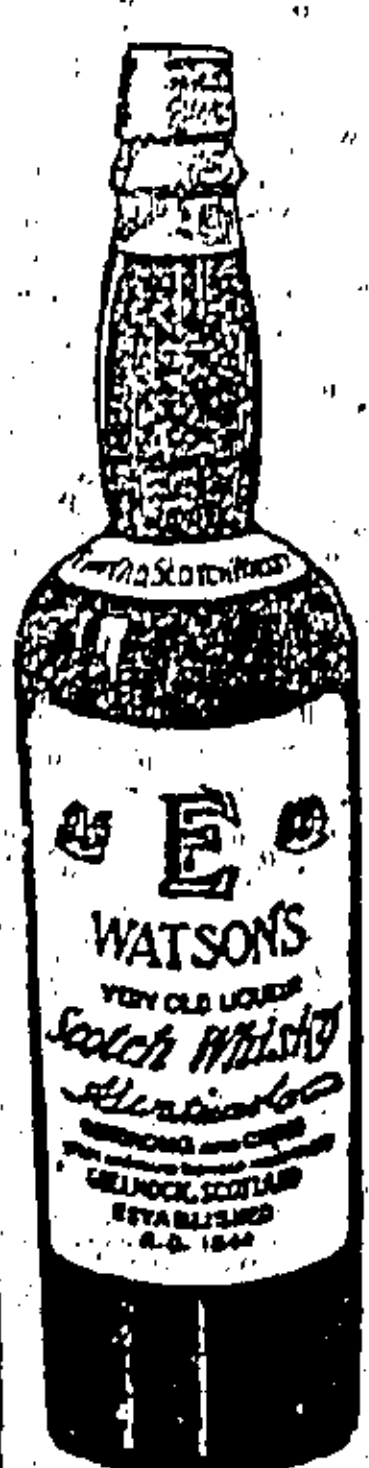
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## THE WAR.

### LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

#### RUSSIANS OCCUPY KERMANSIAH

AFTER A TWO DAYS BATTLE.

London, March 14.

The Russians have taken Kermansiah, a town in Persia, after a two days' battle.

London, March 15.

A Russian official message transmitted by wireless reports: "The enemy in the night attacked and occupied a portion of our trenches to the southwest of Brzeszow. Our counter-attack drove him out with great losses."

We are pressing the retreating Turks in the direction of Sakis and are approaching Banu.

We occupied Kermansiah after an obstinate two days' battle. The pursuit of the Turks continues.

[The place given as Sakis in the cable is apparently that given on English maps as Sakiz, about fifty miles north of Kermansiah. Banu (or Banu) is about twenty miles south-west of Sakiz.]

#### "THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL."

London, March 13.

The New York World says that the fall of Bagdad is the handwriting on the wall of the Turkish Empire, and heralds the beginning of the end of Prussianism.

#### THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

ALLIED PROGRESS REPORTED.

London, March 15.

A French communiqué from Macedonia reports that there is great patrol and artillery activity on the Monastir front.

The Italians have advanced near Hill 1050.

An Austrian attack between Lake Prespa and Lake Mulek was repulsed, the enemy suffering loss and leaving prisoners in our hands.

#### BRITISH LINE ADVANCED.

London, March 15.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters at Salonika reports that the British line south-west of Doiran has been advanced by 1,000 yards over a front of 3,500 yards, bringing their trenches, in places, to within a hundred yards of the enemy's trenches. The operation, including digging themselves in and fixing entanglements was carried out at night-time.

The new line shortens our front by straightening the salient of Horseshoe Hill which was always exposed. Secondly, it strengthens our defences by an extra line of trenches; and thirdly, it facilitates future raids upon the enemy.

#### ITALIAN OPERATIONS IN TRIPOLI.

Rome, March 15.

It is semi-officially announced that the Italians have re-occupied Buzumaz on the west coast of the Tripoli.

#### MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR OFFICERS' CHILDREN.

London, March 13.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Foster, Financial Secretary to the War Office, stated that arrangements are being made to enable officers below the rank of Major, and equivalent ranks in the Navy, to obtain a maintenance allowance for their children.

#### FRENCH WAR MINISTER RESIGNS

OBJECTED TO A DEBATE.

"INSULTED THE PARLIAMENT."

Paris, March 15.

General Lyntey, Minister of War, has resigned after a debate on Military Aviation in the Chamber.

General Lyntey, who objected to the debate, refused to discuss the matters raised as being prejudicial to national defence.

The Chamber at first discussed the aviation question in secret, and then publicly considered various resolutions, including one expressing confidence that the Government would secure the closest co-ordination of the various air services and intensify all forms of aerial warfare.

General Lyntey said it would be preferable to await the result of the measures already taken before debating the question and he refused to pursue the subject.

This remark occasioned loud protests that General Lyntey had insulted the Parliament.

The tumult only ceased when the secret session resumed.

General Lyntey was absent from the subsequent public sitting when M. Briand (Premier) accepted the motion.

The Chamber unanimously voted the resolution already mentioned and it was subsequently announced that General Lyntey had resigned.

#### THE WESTERN FRONT.

ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT.

Paris, March 15.

A French communiqué reports: "We carried out a coup-de-main in the region of Moulin-Sous-Tourvent to the east of the Oise and took some prisoners."

Several German attempts on our small posts in the neighbourhood of Vingre, to the west of Navarin, and in the Argonne, failed.

There was fairly active artillery work in the region of Maisons de Churpaigne but no infantry actions.

#### GENERAL VON FALKENHAYN AND STAFF AT TIRLEMONT.

Amsterdam, March 13.

It is learned from an authoritative source that Marshal von Falkenhayn and his Staff have arrived at Tirlemont (near Brussels).

There is much speculation in connection with this.

#### HOLLAND AND DEFENSIVELY MERCHANT SHIPS.

London, March 15.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, evidently speaking in connection with the Princess Melita incident, mentioned on March 10th, stated that the Imperial Government is communicating with Holland regarding the refusal to allow a defensively armed British merchantman to use a Dutch port.

#### THE SILVER MARKET.

Silver is quoted at 83 1/4; more freely offered but the market quiet.

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## INTIMATIONS

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT  
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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Water Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1917, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1916, and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hongkong, March 6, 1917. 1555

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT  
COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY, 31st March, 1917, both days inclusive. The return of Capital of \$2.50 per share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 15th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917. 1553

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 11.30 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, 22nd March, 1917, to receive a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1916, and the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 24th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1562

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers, 100, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Ltd.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1559

CHINA SUGAR REFINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, 100, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 30th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1917. 1563

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Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1562

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Harbour Department.  
Hongkong, March 13, 1917. 1572

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N. J. STARR,  
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Hongkong, March 5, 1917. 1552

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## To-day's Advertisements

## The China Mail.

## WANTED.

YOUNG MAN is required by a Shipping Office as a STENOGRAPHER and TYPIST. For further particulars apply to—  
"T.P."

C/o "China Mail" Office.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1581

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on THURSDAY, the 29th March, 1917, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order,

E. DES VOEUX,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, Mar 16, 1917. 1583

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A CLASS for "BEGINNERS" will commence on MONDAY, 2nd April, 1917.  
Application for enrolment should be made to the Undersecretary as early as possible.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1582

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1917, at 4 P.M. in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING, for the following purposes—  
(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1916.  
(2) To elect a New Committee.  
(3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1584

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NOTICE of a SPECIAL EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE immediately after the Annual Meeting to be held on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1917, at 4 P.M. in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

A desire has been expressed that the following resolution shall be put—  
"That Clause 6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce should be amended by the insertion of the word 'British' between the word 'ten' and the word 'members' in the first line thereof."

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 16, 1917. 1583

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE CALENDAR.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

St. Patrick's Day.  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Brassware at Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Table Cloths, Dress Materials, Boots and Shoes, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.  
4.30 p.m.—Matinee by Bandmann Opera Co. in aid of Entertainment Fund for men of H. M. Services.  
Dance at "Kingsclere".

## General Memoranda.

Monday, March 19:—  
Police Reserve Orchestra at Government House.  
4.30 p.m.—Launching of the s.s. "Kwai-sang" at Kowloon Dock.  
8.15 p.m.—Opening Performance of "The Merry Widow" at Kowloon.

Wednesday, March 21:—  
St. Paul's College Athletic Sports on Race Course, Happy Valley.

Monday, March 26:—  
4 p.m.—Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

army which fell back from Kut on Bagdad, and is now continuing its flight to Mosul. There are, we imagine, still more sensational developments to be expected in this theatre of the war in the course of a few weeks.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-morrow is St. Patrick's Day.

Our readers are reminded of the matinee by the Bandmann Opera Company to-morrow afternoon in aid of a fund for the men in H. M. Services.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the Week ending 3rd March, 1917, amounted to 62,507 tons and the sales during the period to 60,274 tons.

Referring to our report of the "Forged Cheque" case at the Magistracy yesterday, we have been asked to mention that the first and third defendants are not sorters, but merely postmen.

The Rev. Robert A. Haden, the Scotch missionary, who lost his life when the M. M. steamer *Allos* was torpedoed a month ago by a German submarine, leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his loss.

## THE LATE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

As many of our readers will know, H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, whose death is announced in the cables to-day, twice visited Hongkong.

The first occasion was in 1880 when the Duke and Duchess were on their way home from India, travelling via America. The second occasion was just ten years ago when the Duke of Connaught visited the Colony in the capacity of Inspector-General of the Forces. He was then accompanied by the Duchess and Princess Patricia. His Royal Highness on the occasion of his first visit laid the foundation stone of the Prince of Wales, and on the occasion of his second visit unveiled two statues in Royal Square—the statues of King Edward and his present Majesty who was then Prince of Wales.

H.E. Sir Henry May and Sir Paul Chater were conspicuous in the reception of the Royal visitors on both occasions. His Excellency in 1890 was Private Secretary to the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Fleming, C.M.G.) and on the later occasion, during the Governorship of Sir Matthew Nathan, was occupying the office of Colonial Secretary.

The arrangements on the occasion of the visit in 1907 included a performance at the Kowloon Theatre which the Royal party attended, and a dinner and reception at Government House. The Royal party also paid a visit to Canton.

The statue of the Duke of Connaught, which now stands opposite Blake Pier, was presented to the Colony by Sir Paul Chater after the first visit of the Duke and Duchess.

## PIRACY ON THE WEST RIVER.

## RIVER STEAMER'S CREW OYERPOWERED.

## PIRATES SECURE \$9,200.

That pirates have not been entirely exterminated from the West River is disclosed in a report to the Police in which Captain Jones, master of the River steamer *Kichou*, states that about 9.12 p.m. on the 14th instant whilst his ship was on a voyage from Wuchow to Hongkong, two passengers, who embarked at Tak Hing, suddenly produced revolvers and after shooting him in the left shoulder and also in the right side of the head, overpowered his crew and took possession of the steamer.

After searching the vessel they robbed a Chinese official of \$8,000 and stole \$1,200 from the compradore. They then lowered one of the ship's boats and escaped, landing at a place called Ko-to-sai, about 30 miles from Shui Hing.

The steamer proceeded on her voyage and upon arrival at Hongkong the wounded seaman was taken to hospital.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## A DOG THAT ALWAYS CAME BACK.

Mr. A. Brown, of No. 27, Pottinger Street, appeared before Mr. Melbourne this morning in answer to a charge of keeping a dog without a license.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the offence, stating that the dog did not belong to him.

His Worship: How long have you had the dog?

Defendant: About two months.

His Worship remarked he thought two months rather a long time to keep the dog.

The defendant replied, "I have sent the dog away time and time again, but it always comes back."

Sergeant Pitt, then stated that upon being summoned the defendant immediately procured a license. The Magistrate imposed a fine of one dollar.

## A D.W.D. PROSECUTION.

Mr. Edwards, overseer of the Public Works Department, charged a Chinese this morning in Mr. Melbourne's Court with installing a stove in the basement kitchen of his premises without notifying the Public Works Department.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. Gardiner, pleaded guilty to the charge.

After hearing the case his Worship imposed a fine of five dollars and ordered the stove to be removed.

## AN EXPENSIVE BOWL OF RICE.

When the case in which fourteen alleged gamblers, charged with playing Pai Kau, came before Mr. Melbourne this morning, three of the defendants failed to appear in Court.

Mr. Haywood, who appeared as solicitor for the defence, pleaded guilty on behalf of his clients.

Evidence was taken and each defendant was fined two dollars, and \$24.50, found on the gaming table, was ordered to be confiscated.

Immediately after the fines had been imposed one of the absentees appeared in Court. When asked by the Magistrate why he had failed to be punctual the defendant replied he had just finished his bowl of rice.

His Worship remarked that he did not want the man to get indigestion but stated that his bail of \$25 must stand forfeited.

## LARCENY BY A BOY.

In Mr. Melbourne's Court this morning a boy named John Adams, age 13 years, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing \$150 in U.S.A. bank notes from aboard the s.s. *Yuen Sang*.

It appeared that after the theft the boy changed the notes into local currency at a money changer's in Wanchai. He then went to the Sincere Company store and purchased one toy motor car at \$15, one scooter at \$4.50, one jacket at \$9.50 and a boiler suit at four dollars. When arrested, \$182.10 of the stolen money was found still in his possession.

Detective-Sergeant Cockle informed the Magistrate that the boy had given the Police considerable trouble as he had committed a number of larcenies during the past two years.

"The boy's father has given him thrashing after thrashing," said Sergeant Cockle, "but it does no good, as he merely tells his father to thrash him again."

The Sergeant then stated that he had been instructed to ask that the boy be thrashed and sent to the detention barracks in the hope that it would influence his future conduct.

After hearing the case, his Worship sentenced the boy to twelve strokes of the birch.

## CLAIM AGAINST A POLICE SERGEANT.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the case in which W. Cooper charges Sergeant John M. D. Tullock with assault and battery and claims \$1,000 damages, was called. Mr. Goldring, appearing for the plaintiff, asked for an adjournment.

Mr. Goldring said that he was arranging to obtain evidence from a man named Hall, who was now in Shanghai.

His Lordship granted an adjournment for one week.

## COMPANY REPORTS.

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-eighth Ordinary General meeting of the Company is as follows:—  
The Board of Directors have now to lay before the shareholders a Statement of Accounts, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The Gross Profit for the year is \$610,150.90  
The amount brought forward from the previous year... 409,213.95

Total... \$719,364.85

After allowing for Directors' and Auditors' fees \$5,600.00  
Writing off for depreciation on the Company's Buildings, Machinery, Steamers, Launches, Lighters, &c., as per Articles of Association \$8,750.08 91,350.08

The Balance to be dealt with is \$623,014.78 which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—

To write off Deep Water By Buildings and Machinery, an additional \$20,000.00  
To write off Steamer, Launches and Lighters, an additional 10,000.00

To pay a dividend of 80 cents per share 320,000.00  
To pay a bonus to Staff 13,686.29  
To place to Reserve Fund 150,000.00

and carry forward to the credit of next year's account 114,328.49

\$ 623,014.78

Directors.—Since the last Annual Meeting Messrs Bonnar, Craggcock and Landale resigned and the Very Revd. Father Robert, Mr. A. Q. Lang and the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton were invited to fill the vacancies.

In accordance with section 12 (14) of the Articles of Association the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Dr. J. W. Noble, Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, Very Revd. Father Robert and Mr. A. Q. Lang retire, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs F. Maitland and A. R. Lowe who are eligible for re-appointment.

C. E. ANTON, Directors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1917.

## SHANGHAI TUG AND LIGHTER CO., LIMITED.

At the annual meeting of Shareholders last week the Chairman in the course of his speech said: "The sum available for distribution after having written off for Depreciation Tls. 29,541.21, is Tls. 156,168.15, which we recommend should be dealt with as follows:—

Tls. 35,000.00  
Pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on Preference Shares 35,000.00  
Pay a dividend of 8 per cent. on Ordinary Shares 40,000.00  
Place to General Reserve 50,000.00  
Carry forward to new account 31,168.15  
which we trust will meet with your approval."

Some of the Shareholders, I know, think that we should have recommended a larger dividend on the Ordinary Shares, but, after considering carefully the present and future condition of the Home Shipping Trade during the continuance of the War, we thought it best to recommend the same dividend as paid last year, and place to a General Reserve, Fund Tls. 50,000, which would be available for the payment or Equalization of Dividends or any other purpose the Directors may decide in the interests of the Company."

## THE AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Chairman mentioned that his attention had been called to the fact that the report of the auditors should be read at the meeting. He, himself, did not think it was necessary to do so, as it had not been read at previous meetings, and it appeared as usual in the printed report and statement of accounts. He would, however, ask the opinion of Mr. Mathews on the point.

Mr. P. N. Mathews, representing the company's auditors (Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Mathews) said his opinion was that the report should be read, and the Chairman thereupon proceeded to read it.

Sir William Adamson, Kt., C.M.G., whose death is announced in a cable to-day, was a merchant of the Straits Settlements and on several occasions was a member of the Legislative Council of that Colony. He was decorated for his public services in connection with the Straits Settlements. Sir William Adamson was also a Director of the P. and O. Company.

## RUB IT IN.

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## THE YANGTSEPOO COTTON MILL, LTD.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The second ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Yangtsepo Cotton Mill, Ltd., was held on March 8th, at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Shanghai. Mr. John Johnstone presided, and there were also present—Messrs. C. Gordon Mackie, R. McE. Dalgleish, Woon Sing-shu and Pan Ching-woo (members of the Consulting Committee), A. Brooke Smith (Secretary), J. J. Dunne, G. F. Forster, R. S. Piercy, Kee Quan-yuen, P. M. R. Lake, P. J. Burdett and C. G. M. Bernard, representing 121,425 shares.

The notice calling the meeting and the Auditors' report having been read, the Chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—

Gentlemen.—With your permission, I propose to take the report and accounts, which have been in your hands for some days, as read.

I regret that the result of the year's working has been so unsatisfactory, and that we are not even able to liquidate our liability to the preference shareholders.

As you are aware, the dividend on the preference shares is cumulative, and I venture to hope that next year we shall be in a position to pay the 14 per cent. that will then be due on them.

Although it is not possible to make any return to the shareholders, it should be some satisfaction to them to know that we are depreciating our properties on sound lines. We propose writing off brick buildings 5 per cent., reinforced concrete buildings 2 per cent., plant and machinery 6 per cent., foresters' buildings 20 per cent., furniture 10 per cent. and motor car 15 per cent.

Tls. 10,000 will again be written off demolished buildings and an effort will be made to wipe off the balance of Tls. 9,723 next year.

From the report and accounts it will be seen that the general managers have valued their commission of Tls. 8,423.59. The profit for the twelve months was Tls. 23,261.00, which, with the amount of Tls. 23,261.00 fortunately brought forward from the previous year, enables us to provide for the depreciation I have already alluded to, and carry forward Tls. 5,620.19.

We had much to contend with during the past year—in the early months a very poor demand for yarn and cloth and during the greater part of the twelve months advancing exchange, which enabled competitors in Japan and India to keep prices at a comparatively low level in spite of the important rise in cotton.

As regards our products, we found it difficult to obtain outlets for our gradually increasing output from January to June, and it was not until after the death of Yuan Shih-kai that we were able to realize a small margin of profit and work with reasonable stocks.

The poor cotton crop in this district last season further accentuated our troubles, local grades being comparatively dear; this necessitated the importation of large quantities of Indian cotton, the spinning of which, owing to import duty, places us in an unfavourable position as compared with mills in Japan.

Our working costs were high, owing to abnormal advances in all stores, and we can expect little relief in this respect while present conditions last.

The expenditure in interest was Tls. 60,446.25, and future years will also see a large outlay, as, owing to the purchase of the weaving plant, practically the whole of our working capital is borrowed from the general managers at bank rate of interest.

During the greater part of the year we had the whole of our spindles in operation, and I am pleased to say that our yarns have earned a very satisfactory reputation.

Owing to delay in shipment of the 300 looms ordered from home, the average number of looms worked during the year was only 291.

At date we have 415 looms in operation and you will be glad to know that our cloths are realizing as good prices as those of any of our competitors.

From the accounts you will observe that during the year we spent Tls. 112,899.02 on machinery—at this amount Tls. 83,837.01 was on account of the weaving plant—the balance being for additional preparation machinery and doubling frames for the spinning plant.

As regards the future, I should like to say that the statistical position is healthy and that we have made a much better start than last year. While margins on yarn and cloth leave something to be desired, we are experiencing a good consumptive demand, and, provided there are no further political troubles in this country, we should do nicely, as this season's crop of China cotton appears to be sufficient for the needs of the industry, and is being marketed at comparatively reasonable rates.

For some years, we have from time to time heard rumours of the revision of the customs tariff, and it is to be hoped that when the duties on imports are altered the Government will take steps to afford the mills in this country reasonable protection in the matter of taxation.

That the cotton mill industry in China requires protection and encouragement from the Government is clearly shown by the poor showing of many of the China mills for the past year, although similar concerns in Japan have reaped extraordinary profits.

I think I have touched on all the points that will interest you, the shareholders, with the exception of the fact that the report and accounts have been adopted by the shareholders.

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The following is the subscription list to date:—

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W. A. DOWLEY,

Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1917.

## WEL-HAI-WEI.

A correspondent writes to a northern contemporary:—"Wel-hai-wei is strictly a summer resort. In the hot season the town is crowded with people and a bustling scene is met with on all sides. On account of that, desolation is felt all the more in winter. This has been especially so since the outbreak of the present war, which took away a major portion of the British residents from the place. At present there live on the mainland only 7 officials, including Civil Governor Sir S. Lockhart, two secretaries, a judge, a Customs officer, Chief Surgeon and a police inspector. At the Likiep, two Island Naval Yard, 17 British officers and men are located. Besides, there are the King's Hotel, the branch office of Messrs Butterfield and Swire, Jardine, Matheson and Co., and Forbes and Co., Maitland and a few other stores. In short, not more than 60 British, all told, constitute the community, excluding some 20 children attending a school under the management of English teachers. There are 12 Japanese and about 2,000 Chinese in the foreign settlement."

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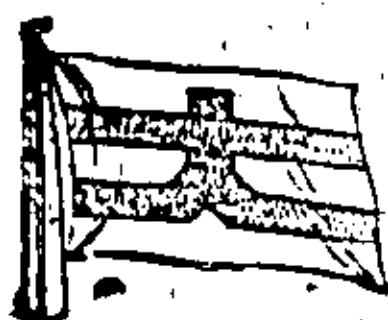
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SHANGHAI	SUNNING	Mar. 20, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TEAN	Mar. 22, at 4 p.m.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA		
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIRANO MARU, Capt. H. Fraser, Tons 10,000.	FRIDAY, 23rd March at 11 a.m.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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having arrived from the above port—Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by 31st March, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the 26th March, 1917 at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Agents.

Hongkong, March 15, 1917. 1580

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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Goods not cleared by the 31st March, 1917, will be subject to rent.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

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Hongkong, March 15, 1917. 1579

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## THE FAMINE IN AUSTRIA.

## ELOQUENT EVIDENCE FROM THE

## INSIDE.

## POTATO FAMINE A REAL THING.

Mr. Francis Gribble writes in the Evening Standard:—

The German Empire is hungry; but the Dual Monarchy is hungrier. In the one country, as in the other, the potato is the staff of life, and the Reichspost tells a potato story in which comedy and tragedy join hands.

On November 21 last, instead of our expected 250 truck-loads of potatoes, we only received three. The municipality of Vienna had hired 2,470 men to unload the trucks, and these men ate all the potatoes themselves, leaving none whatever for the rest of the population.

It was doubtless an extreme case, but the same paper quotes figures to show that the potato famine is a real thing and a cause of continually increasing embarrassment. Throughout November the average daily delivery of potatoes in Vienna was only ninety-five instead of the promised 250, so that before the end of the month, the City was nearly 6,000 wagon-loads short of its requirements, and "there has, since Christmas, been a further perceptible diminution of the supply."

There are no doubt, other commodities besides potatoes which may be bought in limited quantities, but those who can afford them, and the prices reported by the Zeit must be prohibitive to most people.

A pound of beef, for instance, used to cost one franc; now it costs anything from 6 to 8 francs. The price of butter has increased from 14 to 24 and 7 francs per lb. Poultry, sea-food, coffee, tea, cocoa, vegetables, and fruits have risen in the same proportion. The allowance of coffee has been reduced to two ounces per head per month.

## WARTIME.

Hungary is commonly supposed to be a little better off than Austria; but even there the only people who have enough to eat are the very rich and those who have succeeded in hiding food from the officials sent to commandeer it for distribution—a process only to be accomplished at the point of the bayonet. From all the professional classes a bitter cry is going up; and the Hungarian newspaper "A Ujsaz" has sent round a special commissioner to inquire into their troubles. His report is enlightening: "It is the clergy of the Reformed Church at Buda-Estse who complain most loudly. Their condition is described as 'approaching martyrdom,' and their representative says:—

"The war has made life terribly difficult. The receipts have diminished, and even marriages and marriage fees have diminished by 50 per cent. It is the widows who suffer most. Their life is not life, but misery below the standard of comfort. We know no longer how to feed our children, or find clothes and boots for them."

But the case of other professional men is hardly any better. One of the Presidents of the Court of Appeal represents that, once judges are reduced to destitution, they are no longer contented. They are likely to be easy to corrupt; and he adds that some of them are obliged to eke out their scanty resources by practising manual trades."

A judge who is obliged to supplement the administration of justice by the following of a cobbler will be it is true, an extraordinary thing, so, the Hungarian Bar; but his existence will also be an eternal shame to the Hungarian Government."

## CRISIS THIS MONTH.

The professors also lament their lot; and the elementary school teachers express themselves with extreme bitterness.

We school teachers cannot live on our salaries. The burden of the catastrophes which are about to arrive falls by anticipation on the teachers. The crisis will be at its acutest in January. How can you expect a teacher to work conscientiously when he knows that the children have no bread, and are cold, and go about barefooted, and in rags? He quits his miserable habitation to teach, and he returns to it to suffer."

Similarly with the engineers (except those engaged in munition work); similarly with the civil servants; similarly

## with the railway employees, who protest that their "complete material bankruptcy is imminent." It is a conclusive accumulation of testimony that Austria-Hungary is even closer to famine than Germany, and that if only the railways to the East can be cut and Rumania re-entered before the enemy has the chance to reap the harvest there, the advent of that famine at an early date is as certain as the rising of to-morrow's sun.

## CONFESSIONS OF A

## SLEEPY PEER.

## LORD HEADLEY'S DEFENCE

## AGAINST POLICE CHARGE.

## SINGING AND DANCING AT

## WATERLOO STATION.

An entertaining apology for eccentric conduct was made by a peer to Sir Robert Wallace, K.C., at the County of London Sessions recently.

Lord Headley appeared against a conviction and fine of 10s. at the Tower Bridge Police Court for being drunk and disorderly. The appeal was dismissed.

Mr. St. John Hutchinson appeared in support of the conviction, and the police evidence was necessarily a repetition of that given at the police court. It was to the effect that on the evening of October 31 appellant was shouting and singing at Waterloo Station, that he was arrested in Waterloo-road by two constables, and that there he began to shout and sing, and put his arms round a woman, who ran away.

Mr. Hutchinson (to a police witness): Do you have many alcoholic vocal noblemen on Waterloo Station?—Yes; nearly every day. (Laughter.)

Do you really mean alcoholic vocal noblemen?—Oh, no, sir. (Laughter.)

Counsel: I know you have other vocal gentlemen.

Lord Headley, who is 62, gave evidence on his own behalf, taking the oath in the words: "I swear on my honour and as a Peer of this Realm."

On the day spoken of, he said, "I was exceedingly sleepy. I have a great many children, and I have to work at night, and sometimes I am engaged till 4 o'clock in the morning. I have no doubt that on this occasion I must have dozed when on a bench at Waterloo Station. I swear on my honour as an Englishman and a peer of the realm that I only had two glasses of stout on that day. I say positively I was not drunk. I say, if I had not another moment to live, I had nothing to drink except a couple of pints of stout at luncheon-time. If I drank in one day the whole of my week's consumption of drink I should not have been drunk."

## PRAYERS IN POLICE CELL.

"If I was singing or dancing on the platform, it must have been in my sleep. I may have been so sleepy that I did not know what I was doing, but I was not drunk. I may have said to the constable, 'I am sleepy, I am sleepy.' It is your way, to show how sleepy you are, to put your arms round the first woman you meet."

Lord Headley: What I say is that I never did it, but if I had done it she would never have screamed. She would have been the first woman who did it, she had. (More laughter.) It is quite true that I might put a constable on the back, or pull his nose, but there would be no harm in it. You know I am a breezy person.

Mr. Hutchinson: You were not accused of being so sleepy, but of being a little too lively. (More laughter.) Is it your way, to show how sleepy you are, to put your arms round the first woman you meet?"

Lord Headley: Yes, I am rather a good singer.

Mr. Riza, who appeared for the defence, said the story of Lord Headley's drunkenness was a cock-and-bull story. His lordship was of a pronounced Celtic disposition.

Sir Robert Wallace, in dismissing the appeal with costs, said it was clear the offence had been committed, and he refused to state a special case.

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